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SUBJECT: VISIT OF GREEK CYPRIOT POLITICAL LEADER CLERIDES

1. DURING 48 HOUR WASHINGTON VISIT, GLAFKOS CLERIDES MET JANUARY 19 WITH SECRETARY DESIGNATE VANCE AND UNDER SECRETARY HABIB AT DEPARTMENT. HE ALSO ATTENDED DINNER GIVEN BY CYPRIOT AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU AND MET WITH SENATOR SARBANES, CONGRESSMAN BRADEMAS AND OTHERS. CLERIDES PLANNED TO TRAVEL FROM NEW YORK TO BONN JANUARY 20 IN ORDER SEE BRANDT AND THEN GO ON TO LONDON BEFORE RETURNING TO NICOSIA ABOUT JANUARY 29.

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2. IN CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARY DESIGNATE, CLERIDES SAID HE WAS STILL OPTIMISTIC THAT A NEGOTIATED CYPRUS SETTLEMENT COULD EVENTUALLY BE REACHED. HE AGREED THAT THE NEXT FOUR MONTHS PRESENTED OPPORTUNITIES TO GET THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS RESTARTED AND URGED THAT THIS CHANCE NOT BE LOST. HE ENDORSED THE IDEA OF SENDING A US ENVOY TO THE AREA, AS THE FIRST STEP IN DEVELOPING US PROPOSALS WHICH, FOLLOWING

COORDINATION AND SUPPORT BY THE EC-9, COULD BE INSERTED INTO THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. CLERIDES FELT THAT ONLY WITH THIS KIND OF EXTERNAL STIMULUS COULD NEGOTIATIONS BE KEPT FROM BOGGING DOWN IN THE KIND OF PROCEDURAL DISAGREEMENTS THAT HAVE PREVENTED MEANINGFUL TALKS FROM TAKING PLACE SINCE

FEBRUARY 1976. SECRETARY DESIGNATE VANCE EXPLAINED THAT WE HAD REACHED NO SPECIFIC CONCLUSION AS TO HOW TO PROCEED, BUT WE WERE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO BE HELPFUL IN FACILITATING MOVEMENT TOWARD A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT.

3. SECRETARY DESIGNATE AND CLERIDES AGREED TO SAY AS LITTLE TO THE PRESS AS POSSIBLE ABOUT THE CONVERSATION. CLERIDES SAID HE WOULD SEE MAKARIOS AFTER HE RETURNED TO NICOSIA BUT WOULD GIVE THE ARCHBISHOP NO DETAILS OF WHAT WAS ACTUALLY DISCUSSED. IT WAS AGREED THAT IN RESPONSE TO ENQUIRIES, BOTH SIDES WOULD SAY MERELY THAT THERE HAD BEEN AN INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN FRIENDS OF LONG STANDING WHICH TOOK PLACE BEFORE MR. VANCE ASSUMED THE POSITION OF SECRETARY OF STATE.

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